

Ilion Presbyterian News

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Lent is fast approaching and then soon it will be Easter. I think we sometimes try to rush through Lent, hoping to hurry the sacrifice to get to the good stuff of Easter. I think that might be a big mistake. Perhaps if we slow down and take the time to really experience Lent, we might come to an even deeper understanding of the real hope and promise of Easter.

During Lent we share in Christ's journey from the temptations in the wilderness, to his betrayal in the garden. A period of the very best and the very worst in his life. There has been nothing else like it in the history of the world, and that is the theme for Lent this year. Nothing like it.

We will consider many things during this period, and how they play out in our own lives, where are we tempted, how have we betrayed, and how have we celebrated are all a part of the journey.

As a part of the journey I will be offering a Sunday School class on what it means to be Presbyterian. I call it VIP or Very Informed Presbyterians. We will talk about the structure and foundations of the denomination, and how that guides us as we seek to live into the Kingdom of God.

The class is open to anyone who is interested and will meet in the Library at 12 noon after worship for an hour. I promise fun and surprises for everyone.

See you there,

Pastor Rick

## **Lenten Luncheon Schedule**

The Mohawk Valley Council of Churches is again hosting its highly popular Lenten Luncheons. The luncheon will begin at 12 noon with soup & sandwiches followed by a message by the church leader. We should be out the doors by 1pm. We look forward to seeing our friends from the participating churches.

March 1 -St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Ilion

March 8 -Morning Star Methodist Church, Ilion

March 15 -First Presbyterian Church, Ilion

March 22 -Herkimer Reformed Church, Herkimer

March 29 -Blessed Sacrament, Mohawk





# FOOD \$EN\$E



*A monthly food buying program for anyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollars*

**SIGN-UP: February 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Presbyterian Church**

**10 am. – 11:30 am.**

**PICK UP: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**90 Morgan St., Ilion**

**10 am. – 11:00 am.**

**Reminder - you can order for March when you pick up your February order.**

## **FEBRUARY PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

Marinated Pork Pieces, 1 lb.  
Ground Beef, 1 lb.  
Loop Kielbasa, 13 oz.  
Fish Sticks, 1 lb.  
Boneless Chicken Breast, 1.8 lb. avg.  
Cheese Pierogi, 13 oz.  
Mild Cheddar Cheese, 8 oz.  
Frozen Diced Potatoes, 1 lb.  
Applesauce, 15 oz.  
White Rice, 1 lb.  
Fresh Produce #1  
Fresh Produce #2

## **JANUARY PACKAGE (\$20.50)**

Italian Sausage, 1 lb.  
Chicken Thighs, 3 lbs. (avg.)  
Italian Meatballs, 1 lb.  
Ground Turkey, 1 lb.  
Pizza Poppers (3 Cheese), 6.8 oz.  
Mozzarella Cheese, 8 oz.  
Penne Chicken Soup, 19 oz.  
Cheese Ravioli, 13 oz.  
Spaghetti Sauce, 24 oz.  
Diced Tomatoes, 14.5 oz.  
Fresh Cabbage (1 head)  
Fresh Zucchini (2 each)

### **February Specials:**

- **St. Louis Style Ribs (1 pc) 4.5 lbs. (avg.) for \$7.50:** The pork ribs are a St. Louis style rib, that is not fully cooked, and average 4.5 lbs per special.
- **Stuffed Chicken, 2 lbs. for \$8.50:** The chicken breasts are stuffed with apples and cranberries.
- **French Fries, 5 lbs. for \$6.50:** The French Fries are ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.
- **Shrimp Scampi, 24 oz. for \$6.00:** The Shrimp Scampi is a complete meal with shrimp, linguini pasta, and vegetables in a creamy garlic sauce.
- **Lasagna Roll-Ups, 42 oz. for \$6.50:** The cheese lasagna roll-ups are stuffed with ricotta and Romano cheese and are over two and a half pounds.
- **Meatloaf, 2 lbs. for \$10.25:** The meatloaf is a traditional meatloaf made with 100% ground beef.

**Food \$en\$e Shoppers:** Orders must be prepaid with Cash or EBT/SNAP. Please remember that sites cannot hold any packages after the scheduled pick-up time. If you have a conflict, give your receipt to a friend and they may claim the package for you or it will be donated to the Food Pantry across from Catholic Charities. If you have any questions, please speak to the site volunteers when you sign up or call Catholic Charities at 315-894-9917. Thank you.

**PICK UP DATE: Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 10:00am – 11:00am**

## February Worship Responsibilities

**February 5** Reader - Steve Getman  
Greeter -  
Ushers—Denise Goodale & Karen Benham  
Communion Servers - Susan/Janet  
Comm. Set-up—Kim Bigelow & Jean Smith  
Fellowship - Class Act

**February 12** Reader - Susan Backus  
Greeter -  
Ushers— Betty Helmer & Denise Goodale  
Fellowship - Deacons

**February 19** Reader -  
Greeter -  
Ushers—Denise Goodale & Betty Helmer  
Fellowship -The Choir

**February 26** Reader—  
Greeter -  
Ushers—Karen Benham & Denise Goodale  
Fellowship –Deacons

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GREET, READ OR BRING  
REFRESHMENTS?**

**Call the office & let us know!!**

## Prayer List:

Men and women who protect  
us and our freedoms

Tudy Brooks Sue Cate (Marty March's niece) Alice Eldredge Crosier  
Brianna Nicole Gary Darling Allan Dickin-son Barry Doolen  
Dennis Eldredge Betty Foor Mike Galvin (Janet's cousin) Cheryl (Darling) Hennessy  
Loren Hughes Bill & Julie Huls-er & granddaughters, Josline & Paislee Bob Jones Don Lam-phear Linda Laurin Christine Lawrence Lee Maley Joe Maneen Marty March Mike Marro Joan Matteson Rebecca Mento Lauren Mitchell The Orendorfs Janet Patterson Judith Pearson (Kim Bigelow's Mother) Cathy Price Patricia Ruller Jim Siver Marian Skinner (Donna Pritchard's mother) Jane Smithson (Lynne O's mother) Fred & Jean Sullivan Kathy Thiery Laurie Voultsios



## FREE DINNERS

February 9 Spaghetti & Meatballs  
Tossed Salad  
Bread & Butter  
Beverage/Dessert



February 23 Beef Stroganoff /noodles  
Tossed Salad  
Bread & Butter  
Beverage/Dessert



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